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answerd.

Was in Dover the last of March – but was necessarily detained at D– but shall probably pass that way again during the year & in that case will not fail to show you my person. In the mean time give me a line as often as you possibly can – Am very much obliged to you for your letter and ask pardon for neglecting this long to answer it – who Plays yr. organ? I love to sing with it – Ah, I must come and spend part of a vacation in S.o B.– Classmate Caleb Kimball sends his respects to you and hopes as do all your friends the instrument of spiritual good to those with whom you are connected. There is a very pleasing degree of christian feeling brot. with the brethren who have rec'd. ~~And~~ [illegible]y are we pleased with the interest which still exists in the Academy –

We have one new classmate, or rather we expect to be admitted to day – he has been studying & attending lects. for 2 months. Spooner – a former Coll. classmt. of mine – I was very sorry not to have more conversation with Mr. C. when I met him the other day – we were both in a hurry – My best respects to him – I am an "Old fielder" Ergo. I wd. be remembered to those whom I hold dear in that neighborhood —— Dont be discouraged for (D) [illegible] I dont deal in names – [illegible] now down my letter –

One word for Br. Dost– He sends his best respects to you – Feels anxious about some especial business he transferred to you – He wishes you to write and let him know what success – whether you have made Mr. C– a life member of the S.S. Union. If so the money can with equal propriety be transmitted to him or to Portland. He is in love with that State of Me. and wants to hear the news from your pen immediately —

June 12 – It is a very warm day – we are studying the Lords prayer and in a few minutes the bell will summon us to hear the observations of Prof. S–

We have a shop and 8 joiners benches in it – when we exercise a mechanic is employed to keep the shop in order and give us instruction – lay out the work &c – We exercise an hour a day if we please – 16 can work at a time – thus we unite the necessary and the profitable – We have also an agricultural Association and exercise enough – We are called from our lairs at 5 in the morn. but I make a point of rising at 4 – admit no ligh in my room in the even–

Brother P– I must ask a favour of you in case you sd. consider it indispensable – that is that you wd. supply the ellipses, "vowel system &c" – that the sense of this requires – for my patience fails. (B) glad to "get back" to this Andover again — And during my absence it has altered mightily for the better — those snow drifts which you left here, have taken, taken to themselves wings and flew away and the grass (as Tacitus expresses it) "genua alicujus advolvitur." — The students are ~~not more than~~ very dilatory about returning — perhaps not half our number yet retd. (Term com. last Thursday) many are engaged in doing good — those we can willing excuse — while others love to linger with their merchandize, their oxen &c — concerning whose tardiness let Dr. Woods decide —

But no sooner had we poor Juniors retd. in numbers sufficient to use the plural number than we are summoned to take up arms agt. Biblia Hebraica. and Greek Testament — Non Arma ignivoma sed Rosenmueller — et Gibbs et Adam Clark et Robinson etc. — We are reading the 16th Ps. go 30 verses in Heb. Exegetically to a recit. have Prof. Stuart — he is very copious — We have public from the Professors — Stuart is lect. upon Revelations — Our studies are pleasant and of inestimable impt. — Hope you will still continue with my class — and soon join us upon this consecrated hill — My chum has left for the present — gone into an Acad. in Ipswich Mass. — Punchard gone to Dartmouth to see his dulcinea — Here comes Br. Warriner — Sends his love to you — no taller than when you saw him ☞ — Tell Weeks I have just Recd. a line from Russell he wants to come to So. Berwick and finish his Law studies — he has studied a year If Burleigh will make him as good an offer as he did me. he will enter his Office & finish his course — Wont you ask Burleigh to write me whether he will take him on those terms — which he specified to me — if not who in Maine will — he wishes to go soon — My best love to Classmate Weeks — Mr. Campbell, Burleigh. Thompson & wife — Sarah A. whom I fonder you & Weeks & Burleigh are ready to shed blood to obtain — but Miss Haman & Goodwin are equally esteemed by me — to whom I wd. send best respects — I sing but little — taught Dr. Woods' daughters the art all last term & delightful task it was —! Was just invited to teach a number of Ladies in the village.

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I found all Orthodox ministers ready to coöperate — but Unitarianism was ever opposed to my success — I might relate to you some calls which I made upon this denomination of Divines — full of amusement and void of profit — save to myself — I found, unusual attention to Religion in Dorchester and in Plymouth — I staid several days in each place and attended meetings — and willingly embraced the opportunity of recommending an interest in the Saviour to their acceptance. In fine, my journey was pleasant and profitable to me at least — I stood on the rock in Plymouth where our fathers leaped, from their boat — will send you a small piece — — After five weeks labour in this business among strangers I returned to the City & spent a week — Attended all the exercises Election week — Heard "Rabbi, Moses" Election Sermon. You know he is enthusiastic and often very animated in the Pulpit — But his eccentricity delights to deviate from the common course mankind — Hence amidst all the imposing grandeur of the most magnificent Church in the city — crowded with the Representatives of Mass. — Amidst all the splendours of martial display — the rattle of drums, the animating, sirit stirring bursts of "Boston band" and amidst the overwhelming sea of melody which poured from the most powerful organ, accompanied by a numerous orchestra of select performers, calculated to call forth every energy of body and mind — did our rabbi, being an anomaly amidst men, rise with indifference, "blow the handle of his face" a few times, and after seeming to say to himself, "what means all this nonsensical tinkling, this boyish parade"? proceed with an unusual degree of dull indifference, through a sermon 1½ hours long — yet it was an able discourse — he trimmed the liberal men with his own shears — Attended some of Dr. Beecher's meetings — he speaks with great power — his language is elevated and well chosen — his pronunciation obsolete — yet if he labours not for the mint, anise &c he gives the more weighty matters, with overpowering, glorious effects — Yes Br. P. as I said before I spent my vacation profitably, yet I was

My best respects to friend Stackpole — Tell him I hant drank any cherry since Feb 5. 33 — We, the greatest part of us belong to the temperance Soc. — dont take even wine — my respects to Miss. Dorcas Frost and Elizabeth also —

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Brother Philps,

The most punctual writer receives his letters with no more eagerness than I do mine. But I am intolerably negligent in writing to my friends— and should you accuse me of this fault I shall stand condemned without an argument of exculpation. But I have put an end to Procrastination, said "this evening I will write to Br. P—" so here I sit with my right eye plucked out— and under such circumstances the performance of duty ever is & will continue to be pleasant and profitable.

Our Term has just commenced and the brethren well sun-burnt, are coming in from the four winds, joyfully hailing eachother and exchanging the affectionate shake— interesting one another by extracts from the journal of their absence— asking thousands of questions with regard to our success— Ah. here comes brother Put. — "how do you do"— how you do you do— well— you are as black as any other man br. P— where have you been to Con.— I am just writing your quondam Chum, what shall I say to him from you?" Tell him to be a good boy". good— but no news for him? "I de no— tell him Meach is married a got an heir some months old— and that Dickinson is become pious. Spoze hes heard ont tho— Shall I tell you something of my vacation travels— Of our Studies &c— You must necessarily have been informed by Br. Post, that a large number of us were employed as Agents for the Mass. S. School union— Among which number by chance I was reckoned— After a few weeks preparation I proceeded to my destined field of Labour— beginning at Boston and proceeding south as far as Duxbury Plymouth Co.— the object was to create a deeper interest in behalf of S. Schools— to form schools upon a uniform plan of instruction— to establish S. School Society and make them Auxiliary to the Mass. S. School union— My success was as good as I had anticipated

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